

**SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS**

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 2 as follows:

This application is a continuation-in-part ~~claims the benefit~~ of International Application No. PCT/US99/22685, filed 29 September 1999, which further claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/240,934, filed 8 December 1998.

Please amend the table beginning at page 11, line 18 as follows:

SEQ ID <sub>H</sub>	SEQ ID <sub>var</sub>	cDNA <sub>var</sub>	Identity	Nt <sub>H</sub> Alignment
3 <u>2</u>	6	700589815	87%	246-399
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